

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Short.mp4

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 2000088.004

Medium: Image File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification: Objectionable.

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 05 May 2020

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 05 May 2020

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image is a montage of video stills showing a teenaged boy performing a sexual act. It is classified as objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes. The image is clearly intended to appeal to people with a sexual interest in teenage boys. The availability of such material encourages the creation or reinforcement of this sexual interest. The classification of the publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.